

# The Story Of...



# Maidenhill Nursery Class



# Welcome

Hello and a very warm welcome to Maidenhill Nursery Class!

We are delighted that you will be joining us shortly and look forward to meeting you, and your families, very soon. Maidenhill Nursery is an incredibly exciting place, it is a safe place full of love, laughter and learning. We have lots of interesting and creative places for you to explore both indoors and outdoors. This booklet will show you some of the places where you can play, explore and learn within Maidenhill Nursery.

We will be in touch with your parents and carers to arrange your transition into nursery; however, if they have any questions, they can contact us via schoolmail.

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Lots of love,  
The Maidenhill Family

# Meet the Team

Hello. My name is Alison Shaw and I am the Depute Head Teacher of Maidenhill Primary School and Nursery Class. You will see me come in to the nursery from time to time and usually come and play with the building blocks – I like to build different structures and balance blocks on top of each other. Maybe one day we could build something together?

I like to read books, go on walks with my dog and spend time with my family. I am looking forward to meeting you and hearing what you like to do at home.



My name is Alexander Johnston and I am a class teacher in the nursery. At home my favourite things are dancing, eating pizza and playing with my dog Biggles.

In nursery, I like to spend time playing outside to run, climb, throw and jump so I can use my whole body to learn. I also love playing with dough to make lots of different things. I hope you will come and play some games and help me make things with dough soon.

My name is Sarah-Jane Lawrie and I am one of the teachers in the nursery. I joined the Maidenhill Nursery team in August 2020. Reading stories is one of my favourite things to do as part of the learning and teaching in the nursery. I also love supporting children to be creative through learning experiences like drawing and junk modelling. I enjoy going outside to get some fresh air, both with the boys and girls at nursery and in my free time. I like going swimming, kayaking and horse-riding, too.

Hi! My name is Dyan Spence. I love to tell stories and dress up at Nursery, especially in funny hats! I have a little boy at home and I enjoy going on adventures with him and his Daddy. I am the Nursery Forest Schools leader which means I will get to go on lots of exciting adventures with you outdoors. I love my job and cannot wait to meet you!



My name is Helen. I joined the Maidenhill Nursery Staff Team recently. My favourite colour is yellow. The thing that I enjoy most in nursery is setting up sensory experiences for the children and supporting them as they explore the experiences.



My name is Sharon. I am always smiling and singing in nursery and love to listen to your stories. I love the sunshine and outdoor physical play. I enjoy baking and making play dough and wonder what you would like to make in nursery. I can't wait to meet you.



I am Sehba and I am one of the Child Development Officers at Maidenhill Nursery. I speak two languages fluently (English and Urdu). I live locally with my family. My family includes my husband, our two lovely daughters and a pet rabbit called Poppy. One of my hobbies is painting. I started to paint from a very young age after being inspired by my mum. I love going for long walks with my daughters, travelling to new destinations, arranging BBQ parties for friends and also enjoy gardening with my husband.



Hi I am Heather Cook. My favourite colour is blue and I have ginger hair. I have two sisters, one older and one younger which puts me in the middle. My favourite things to do are baking, gymnastics and I decorate cakes for people when they have big parties or events. I am looking forward to seeing you when you join us at nursery.



I'm Megan and I work with the children in the Bunnies group. I joined the Maidenhill Nursery Staff Team in August, having come from an outdoor kindergarten where I worked before. I love the outdoors and spend lots of my spare time doing outdoor activities, come rain or shine. I enjoy reading, singing and spending time with my family and friends. I have enjoyed my experience at Maidenhill so far and I look forward to many more happy memories.



Hi! My name is Helen and I am one of the Child Development Officers at Maidenhill Nursery Class. I am married with two grown-up children and I have a lively cockapoo called Millie. I have two year old granddaughter called Sophie and have a second grandchild due in June.

I am passionate about my job and I would consider it to be one of the best in the world! It is a privilege to be able to work closely with children and their families, helping to support children to reach their full potential.

In my spare time, I enjoy cooking, gardening and socialising with my friends and family.



I'm Claire and I am one of the Child Development Officers in the Squirrels group. I have a strong passion for early years; I love nothing more than seeing the children thrive and develop their own curiosity and passion.

Most of all, I love having fun doing it all.



My name is Ciara Duffy I am a Child Development Officer at Maidenhill Nursery. I am a very active and social person and on a Saturday you are likely to find me on the side lines of a football pitch supporting one of my four boys. In my spare time I like going to the gym or participating in classes. I also enjoy going for long walks, watching good films and reading novels.

**We are all looking forward to meeting you!**



# Meet Your Nursery Tour Guides



Hello! My name is Ayaan and I go to Maidenhill Nursery Class. I am 4 years old and I love to draw colourful pictures. My favourite part about going to Nursery is playing with my friends in the garden, swinging on the rope swing and climbing up the hill. What are your favourite things to do?



My name is Jenny and I go to Maidenhill Nursery Class. I am 3 years old and I love to fill the buckets with sand and pour it out again. I like to sing songs with my friends and share my news. I am excited to meet you and have a new friend to play with.

Would you like to come on a tour of  
Maidenhill Nursery with us?

# Coming into Nursery

Jenny has arrived at Maidenhill Nursery and is excited to spend the day playing and learning with her friends.

When Jenny enters the Nursery she says 'Goodbye' to her Mum at the door and comes into nursery with one of the nursery staff. When Jenny first came to nursery her Mummy waited in the garden to help settle her in. Your Mummy or Daddy might stay in the garden for a little while too when you first start.



Jenny and Ayaan have hung up their belongings and changed their shoes.

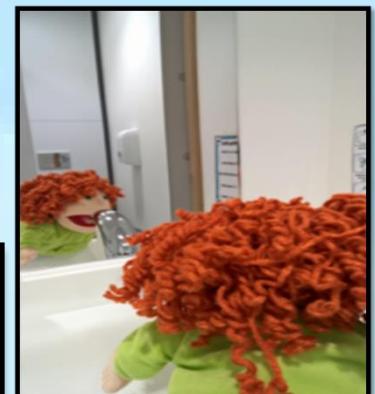
Would you like  
to play with  
them?

Jenny walks through the gate to find where she hangs her jacket by looking for her name. Every child in nursery has a peg; this is their own special place where they can keep their belongings.

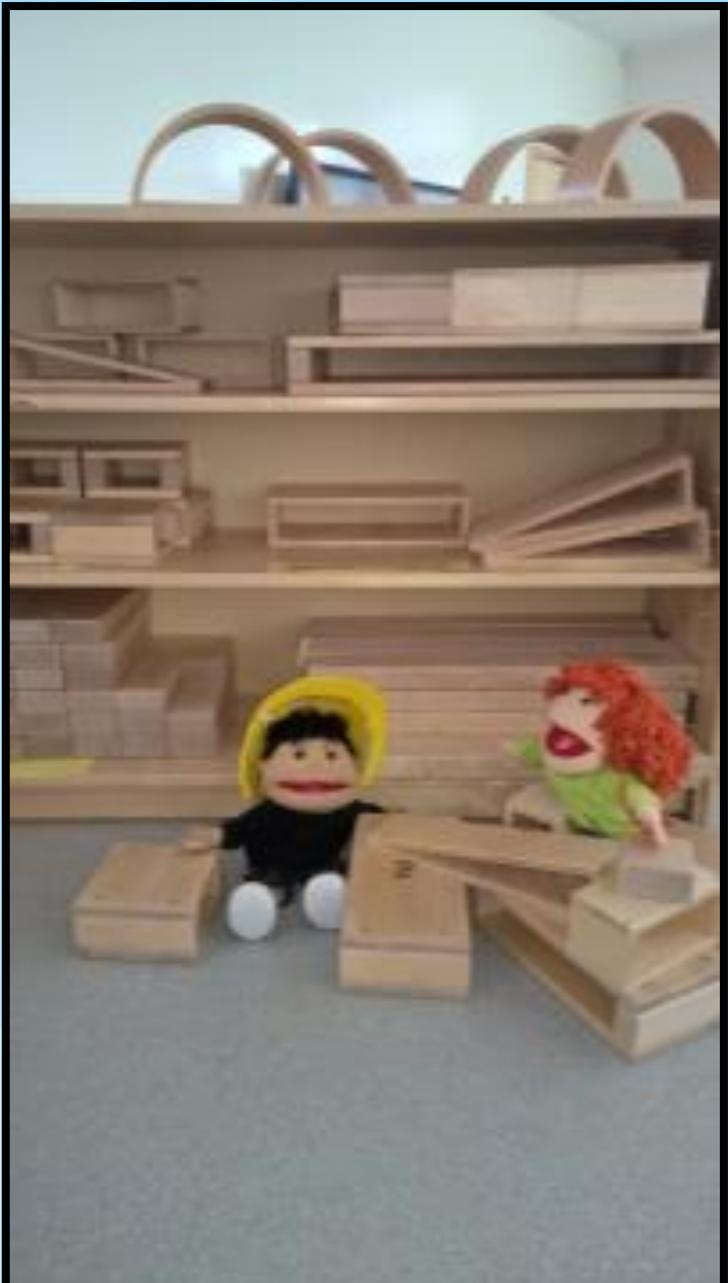
Once Jenny has hung up her bag and jacket, she takes off her outdoor shoes and puts on her indoor shoes.



Jenny and Ayaan wash their hands when before they come in to the playroom. They are now ready to play...



# Construction Area



Ayaan and Jenny love to play in the block area. It is the first place they like to visit every morning. They enjoy using the different blocks to create lots of exciting structures and models. Jenny likes to use lots of different blocks when she is exploring and building, including ...

Long  
blocks

Rectangular  
blocks

Heavy  
blocks

Curved  
blocks

Short  
blocks

Triangular  
blocks

Light  
blocks

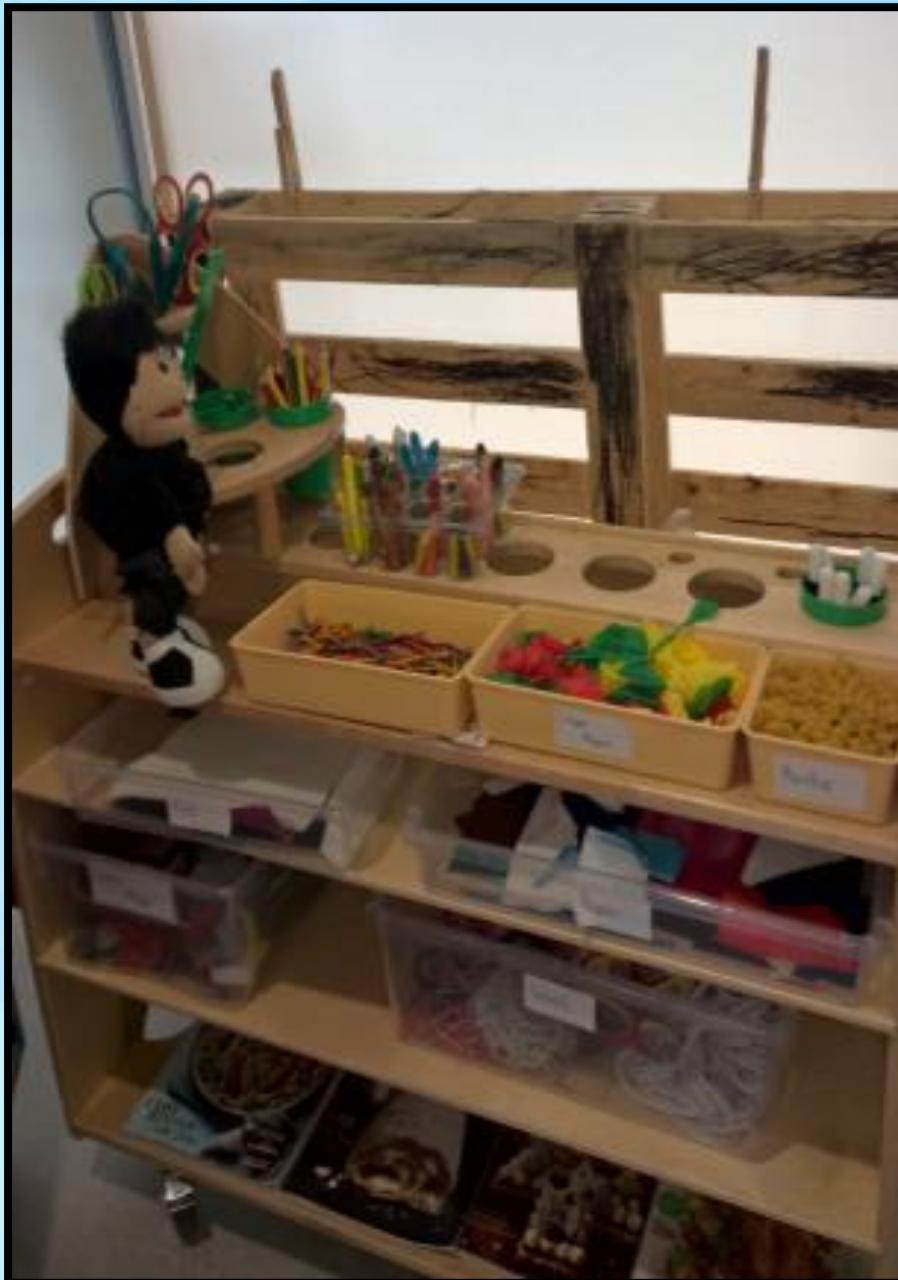
Hollow  
blocks

Can you see any of the blocks Jenny likes to play with in the picture?

Ayaan likes to build big and small towers in the block area. He has been learning how to balance blocks on top of one another and managed to build a tower that was taller than Jenny!

When Ayaan is building towers, he is learning lots of different things. Would you like to learn in the construction area with Ayaan?

# Junk Modelling



After he has finished playing with the blocks, Ayaan decides to visit the junk modelling station. He loves creating models, pictures, toys and structures. Ayaan likes to use lots of different materials. Some of his favourite things to use are...

Lollipop  
Sticks

Yogurt  
Pots

Cardboard  
boxes

Bottle  
Lids

Buttons

String

Material

Pasta

Today Ayaan has decided to make a model robot. He has covered a cardboard box in tin foil and cut a hole to make a mouth. He then glued on bottle lids and added googly eyes. Do you like his design?



What would  
you like to  
Create?

# Woodwork Bench



One of Jenny's favourite places in Maidenhill Nursery is the woodwork bench. She loves being able to use real tools to create amazing models.

Jenny knows it is very important to be careful at the woodwork bench. She likes that the adults are always there to help her hold the tools and show her how to use them properly.

Jenny uses saws, hammers, nails and sandpaper. Working with these tools helps Jenny to build strong muscles in her hands. She has to concentrate really hard to make sure her hands do what she wants them to do!



What do you think Jenny has made?

# Snack and Lunch Time

After their busy morning, Ayaan and Jenny go to the Snack Area. Both Jenny and Ayaan like to tell the adults what they would like to have for snack and enjoy helping themselves to different things and trying new foods. Ayaan likes to eat sandwiches and lots of fruits and vegetables. Jenny's favourite foods are crackers, cheese and cucumber. Ayaan and Jenny enjoy coming to the snack area.



They think it is fun to relax and chat to their friends whilst eating something tasty. Jenny likes to pretend that the snack area is a restaurant with nice tablecloths. Ayaan likes to help set the table and help younger boys and girls to tidy up.



We have spaces to eat lunch and snacks inside and outside and you can choose where you would like to eat.



During snack time and lunch time, Ayaan and Jenny know it is very important to always wash their hands before they eat anything.

What is your  
favourite  
food?

# Home Corner

Ayaan likes to use his imagination when he is playing in the home corner with his friends. His favourite area is the kitchen because it has a washing machine and a cooker. He likes to use the pots, pans and utensils to make tasty meals and he uses real food such as pasta, vegetable and dough.

Jenny's favourite part of the home corner is the living room, she likes to relax with her friends on the couch after a long day of playing, exploring and learning.



Ayaan and Jenny think that one of the best things about the home corner is that it is always busy and a good place to make friends. It's always fun to play with other boys and girls in nursery!

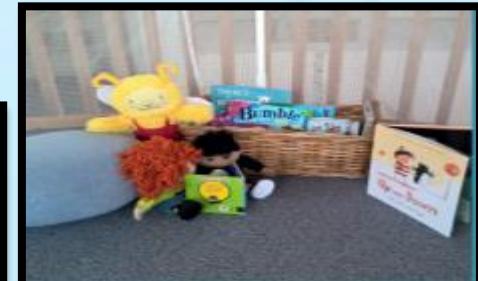
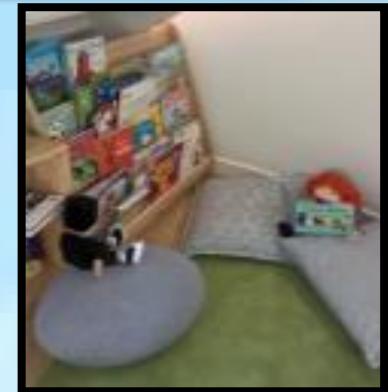
# Cosy Corners

At Maidenhill Nursery, there are lots of cosy areas inside and outside where Ayaan and Jenny can snuggle up and enjoy a story together.

In the library, there are lots and lots of lovely books that tell fantastic stories. We have books about dinosaurs, cars, princesses, space, pirates and loads more! Jenny loves to read adventure stories and likes to pretend that she is on the adventure as well. Ayaan's favourite type of book is one that makes him laugh because he likes to share the jokes with his friends.

**What stories  
do you like?**

Sometimes, Ayaan and Jenny are joined by Bookbug to sing lots of songs and rhymes.



# Outdoor Learning



Sometimes, Ayaan and Jenny like to relax by sitting quietly, reading a book or drawing a picture outside and that is fine too. It is great fun playing outside and enjoying the fresh air in any way you can.

Ayaan and Jenny have lots of fun when they play outside. They can play outside any time they choose and even have a special door just for children to go through!

If it is raining, Ayaan and Jenny make sure they put on their puddle suits and wellies before going to splash in the puddles!

Jenny loves to run up the hill, climb through the tyres, ride the bikes and balance on the swing.

Ayaan likes to make magic potions in the mud kitchen, dig for treasure in the sand pit or pour water down the giant tubes.



What would you like to do?

# Creative Area

After they have finished playing outside, Ayaan and Jenny decide to visit the creative area. They love coming here as it is the perfect place to explore different materials and use their imagination.

Jenny loves to paint and has decided to make a lovely, colourful picture for her bedroom wall. She can use any material that is available, some of Jenny's favourite things to use are...



Sequins

Charcoal

Glitter

Chalk

Pencils

Glue

Crayons

Paint

What materials would you like to use?



Ayaan likes to explore different textures and shapes. He prefers to use clay, playdough and sand when he is working in the creative area.

Ayaan's favourite thing to do at Maidenhill Nursery is taking part in messy play. He loves searching for treasure in the fluffy shaving foam and painting with colourful ice so he can watch the different shapes and colours that appear as the ice begins to melt.



# Going to the Bathroom

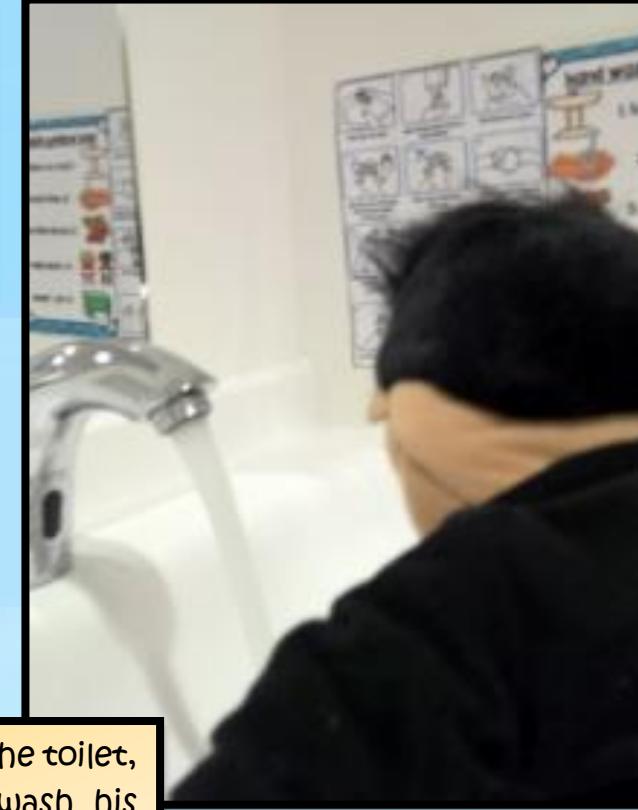


There are lots of toilets in the nursery that Ayaan and Jenny can use whenever they need to.

They are small and perfect in size for Ayaan, Jenny and all of their nursery friends.

Ayaan and Jenny understand that they must wash their hands more regularly at the moment to keep everyone safe and healthy. We have lots of places to wash our hands and Jenny says "I sing 'Happy Birthday' two times so that I know I have washed my hands properly."

Once Ayaan have been to the toilet, he always remembers to wash his hands in the sink with soap.



After they have washed their hands, Ayaan and Jenny use the hand dryer to dry them.

They know that there is always an adult there to help if they feel a bit unsure or need a bit of help.

# Maidenhill Nursery Tour

Ayaan and Jenny have had a very busy day at Maidenhill Nursery. They have enjoyed showing you around and are looking forward to playing with you soon.

Before they go home, they would like to show you some more of their favourite places to play with their friends.

